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Mr. Joseph C. Goodwin
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

Thank you so very much for taking time out from
your busy schedule to answer the question [redacted]
[redacted] submitted to UNDER TWENTY.

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The original of the letter (which is sent to the
teenager) means almost as much as the encyclopedias.
As one girl wrote, "I show it to everyone and my only
fear is that in time it will wear out."

We are enclosing a copy of the question-air as it
will appear in newspapers throughout the country.

May I again thank you on the behalf of [redacted]
and UNDER TWENTY.

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Cordially,

Kurt Lassen

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Editor

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UNDER TWENTY QUESTION-AIRS

By Boyd Stevens

Win a 20 volume set of Encyclopedia International if you're under twenty. Ask a question of an outstanding personality that will be of interest to ALL "Under Twenties." Write QUESTION-AIRS c/o name of newspaper.

Dear Question-Air:

I am very seriously interested in becoming a member of the Central Intelligence Agency, when I graduate from high school. Would you please ask Mr. Richard Helms, Director of the CIA, what type of education or background is necessary also what the requirements are and if there is an age limit to work for the CIA. I'm interested in the profession because I would be serving my country which is very important to me. I would greatly appreciate any advice you could give me. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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(This week's award of a 20 volume set of Encyclopedia International is being sent to [Redacted] as well as the original answer from Mr. Joseph C. Goodwin, Assistant to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. 20505).

Dear [Redacted]

Your recent letter, the interest it expresses in this Agency and your desire to serve your country are most gratifying to us here. Thank you for writing.

As a matter of practice, the Central Intelligence Agency does not recommend specific courses or general areas of concentration to students considering an eventual career with the Agency. Experience has shown that persons of widely divergent backgrounds have had successful intelligence careers. Further, the Agency employs specialists in almost all fields, not to mention many "generalists."

An interest in foreign affairs is, of course, essential for someone who seeks a career in a foreign intelligence agency and a

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knowledge of or aptitude for foreign language is an important consideration.

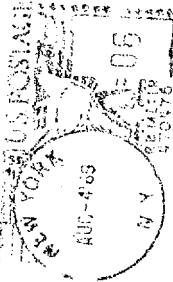
Enclosed you will find a pamphlet outlining the history and functions of this Agency, a brochure describing career opportunities and an article from AMERICAN EDUCATION magazine. We hope this material will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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